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1. ACCORDING TO REFTTEL TIMAN WILL ARRIVE KUWAIT THURSDAY AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 20 AND DEPART SATURDAY AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 22. THUS THE GROUP WILL BE HERE DURING A WEEKEND WITH LESS THAN A FULL DAY TO DO BUSINESS. BEFORE COMMENTING FURTHER ON PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESSFUL TIMAN HERE, NEED TO KNOW WHETHER THERE ANY CHANCE THIS SCHEDULE CAN BE ALTERED.

2. WHEN RHOR INT'L PRESIDENT BIRD VISITED KUWAIT LAST FALL HE SAID TIMAN HOPED TO ARRANGE SEMINARS AT HILTON HOTEL. IDEA WAS THAT VARIOUS GROUPS KUWAITIS COULD COME TO HOTEL AND BRIEF TIMAN. ALTHOUGH IDEA BASICALLY SOUND AND LOGICAL, IT HAS LITTLE APPEAL TO KUWAITIS, AND HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT ANY SENIOR OFFICIALS WOULD BE WILLING FOLLOW SUCH A FORMAT.

3. GIVEN THIS SITUATION, LARGE SIZE, SHORT STAY AND UNFORTUNATE TIMING OF TIMAN WILL SERIOUSLY HINDER MISSION HERE. ORIGINALLY OPIC GROUP SAID IT WOULD STAY IN KUWAIT THREE WORKING DAYS, AND ON THAT BASIS WE WELCOMED MISSION.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER IN TRYING LEARN
WHETHER KUWAITIS WILLING ACCOMMODATE THEMSELVES TO TIMAN APPROACH,
WE NEED TO KNOW WHETHER THERE ANY GIVE IN GROUP'S SCHEDULE. PLEASE
ADVISE ASAP.
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